

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Paul McGrane et al.

Application No.: 09/845,233

Filed: April 30, 2001

For: Method For the Direct Esterification
of Sorbitol With Fatty Acids



Group Art Unit: 1621

Examiner:
Deborah D. Carr

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Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated 10 June 2005, in relation to the above-identified application. This response is considered timely by virtue of the petition for a 3-month extension of time filed herewith along with payment of the associated extension fee of \$1020.00, and the fact that the 6-month deadline for response fell on Saturday, December 10, 2005, thereby extending the deadline to the next business day, Monday, December 12, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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